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WEATHER.
WASHINGTON, Oct. 27.—For lower Michigan—Generally fair; possibly local showers in northern portion; southwest winds.

HUMILIATING.
Yesterday morning the democratic congressional committee challenged the republican candidate for congress to a joint debate with the democratic candidate "upon the McKinley tariff law." The question to be debated was and is confined to the "McKinley tariff law." To this challenge the republican candidate answers through his committee that he will accept the challenge if the democratic candidate will announce "whether he is a democrat, a supporter of Cleveland and an advocate of the Chicago or Omaha platform."

To be entirely frank, this reply is humiliating. Any republican that will hesitate to meet any opponent of "the McKinley tariff law," without inquiring as to his race, color, present or previous political affiliation, betrays a weakness and indecision that stamps him unworthy to have a place among the valiant army of protectionists. If such a challenge were issued to men like George A. Farr, Fred A. Maynard, F. D. M. Davis and William Alden Smith it would meet with instant and unqualified acceptance.

It is far from pleasant to acknowledge that the republican candidate has resorted to a transparent subterfuge to escape meeting his opponent in public debate. Yet there is no other explanation to be made of his reply. So far as the debatable issue is concerned, namely "The McKinley tariff law" it is entirely immaterial and irrelevant whether the democratic candidate believes in anarchy and will support Woodhull-Martin for the presidency or is a rampant demagogic democrat. He is opposed to the "McKinley tariff law" and challenges his opponent to debate its merits. If the challenged candidate has not the ability to discuss the "McKinley tariff law" as a defender and advocate of it, then he should decline to meet the challenger, like a man. This may not be good partisan advice, but it is truthful and honest.

MORSE AND THE SOLDIERS.

Judge Morse has issued a circular in which he declares that he has asked no old soldier to vote for him this fall, by circular or word of mouth. This is entirely supererogatory. Judge Morse is shrewd enough to understand that it would be very impolitic to ask the old soldiers to vote for him. It would make the old-line bourgeois mad as wet hens to have their idol publicly beseeching the old soldiers to vote for him. Such a course would revive very unpleasant memories.

Understanding this Judge Morse refrains from asking the old soldiers to vote for him, but he suggests that he would be pleased to have them to do so in a way characteristic of a great jurist. For instance, he adjures the old soldiers not to believe that he ever had a hand in removing republican soldiers from office. On the contrary, he seconded the nomination of General Alger at Milwaukee to be commander of the G. A. R. He also nominated General Kidd of Iowa to be department commander of Michigan.

This logic is irresistible. It proves conclusively that Judge Morse never removed or caused to be removed a republican soldier from office because he nominated General Alger and General Kidd for high offices in the G. A. R. It is not to be presumed that Judge Morse will be pleased with this construction or analysis of his circular, and yet it is the only impression the circular is calculated to make. He would put it, "How could I, who have nominated General Alger and General Kidd, have any hand in removing a republican soldier from office?"

But Judge Morse's modesty is overbalanced by the suddenly developed love for the old soldiers manifested by the democratic stumpers. They close their eyes to their past records, and unmindful of their hypocrisy, exhort the old soldiers to rally to the democratic standard and fall in line for Morse, the gallant soldier. But they have neither ears to hear, nor eyes to see any virtue in modern democracy or idealism.

DORAN'S BAD NEWS.

With the action of the board of supervisors in attempting to save the country from the costs of county clerks' fees, another bungling piece of legislation which Senator Doran engineered through the democratic legislature, is recalled. After January 1 it is provided by this act that county clerks shall receive a salary of \$2,500; that there shall be as many deputy clerks, with such salaries as the board of supervisors may fix, and that all fees for filing and entering papers, swearing witnesses, etc., shall go to the county. Whenever the county clerks have been not on salaries, in other counties, as in Wayne, the law has provided that litigants shall pay a stated sum, \$4 dollars, at the time of beginning suit, and \$5 when judgment is rendered in lieu of all fees. By this act the county

makes as much in fees, saves a vast amount of clerk hire and bookkeeping and litigants are satisfied.

But no provision was made in the Kent county act for any such uniform fees and the result will be to make great confusion and annoyance. Every time a paper is filed in a cause, six cents must be paid; every time a witness is sworn at a trial, the party producing him must pay six cents; every time a jury is sworn, the plaintiff must pay twelve cents; every time a verdict is rendered the clerk must immediately collect twelve cents; every time a motion is entered, seventeen cents; every time the clerk makes a calendar entry of a proceeding in a cause, six cents—and so on for forty or more different proceedings that occur in every case.

Unless a strictly cash business is done and the money collected for each proceeding as it is taken, a credit account must be opened in each case and with each attorney and if not collected, the county will lose and not the clerk, as at present. This means a loss of many accounts, for even attorneys do not always pay their debts.

Without some authority to do so, the new clerk will not be disposed, in all probability, to take the responsibility of extending credit, but will require cash payment. If he does, it will be an unnecessary annoyance to every person connected with the court and cause. It would seem that Senator Doran would have foreseen all this and prevented such a mess, by having added to the act a provision like that which governs Wayne county. The wisdom of putting the county clerk on salary at all is seriously doubted by many. The deputies salaries will amount to over \$5,500, which with the clerk's salary makes \$8,000 to be collected in fees to make the county even on the deal. The chances are it will lose.

Those eighteen Amherst college professors who signed an endorsement of Cleveland and gave it to the public now find themselves in hot water. Telegrams of protests against dragging the college into politics have been pouring in upon President Gates from prominent alumni all over the country. Several of the professors have stated that they did not know the document was to be published. At an alumni dinner in New York city on Tuesday night, President Gates said that the faculty was more than half republican and that the republicans among the students are in an overwhelming majority. Thus it is that another democratic fabrication falls to the ground, and it is highly probable that the whole of their ridiculous story about college professors will be found, upon investigation, to be without the least foundation; in fact, just as in their Amherst case.

Some of the democrats claim that this is a better and a thousand times richer country than England. This is true, but it was a mighty poor country until the protectionists taught the people how to develop its resources. In the days before the war, under the democratic rule, its chief products seemed to be soup-houses, paupers, slaves and pot-house politicians. The country was on the verge of bankruptcy. Since that time, thanks to protection, it has taken a leading position among the nations of the world, something it never could have done if the party whose foundation stone was hatred of free labor had remained in power.

One of the most remarkable things about the present Home Missionary convention is that there hasn't any politics crept into it. It is refreshing to know that there is one woman's organization in the country that can serve God Almighty without any political preference.

It must be apparent to the most hide-bound partisan that Ellis is engineering one of the most unscrupulous campaigns ever waged in Michigan. He is prepared to sacrifice every man on the democratic ticket to elect himself.

In the work of the present supervisors in establishing the tax per cent is to be followed by future boards, the city will be compelled to annex the entire county as a matter of self-protection.

There is more joy in the democratic ranks over one college professor that votes the ticket than there is over ninety and nine workmen who vote straight for republicanism.

Every candidate on the republican county ticket is a man of character and standing. So much cannot be said for the duplicitous conglomeration opposing it.

ALEXANDER HAMILTON says John McQueen cannot control the negro vote. As a vote controller John is leaving a long gleaming track in front of him.

CHICAGO aspires to outshine New York as the American metropolis, and yet a man was fined \$10 there yesterday for registering seven times.

Who could picture a more elevating combination than eighteen Amherst professors sandwiched between Dave Hill and the Tammany tiger?

Seven sloping couples from Kentucky were married at Jeffersonville, Ind., yesterday. And yet was the day of romances so past.

One of the strong points in Mr. Rich's favor is the fact that he has not found it necessary to explain any of his public utterances.

James Moran will be as facile in letter writing as Granger if he continues his present speed to the end of the campaign.

DAVE HILL says Wayne McVaugh is an upstart. David is an authority on delusions.

WOMEN OF THE LORD

Eleventh Annual Convention of the American

HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETIES

Of the National Methodist Episcopal Church—Yesterday's Proceedings and List of Delegates.

Yesterday morning at 10 o'clock the eleventh annual convention of the National Woman's Home Missionary Society of the M. E. church began in the Division street church. There were delegates present from all parts of the union—sweet faced, noble women, who are working with all their strength of mind and body to uplift the submerged portions of mankind and make the gospel of the lowly Nazarene something for men to live by. The gathering is an enthusiastic one, and some of the most brilliant women in the United States are present.

Mrs. John Davis, president of the national society, conducted the devotional exercises. The following assistant secretaries were appointed: Miss B. D. Potter, Bloomington, Ill.; Mrs. W. C. Herron, Cincinnati; Miss Helen D. Ferguson, New York; Mrs. D. E. Dwight, Melrose, Mass.

Welcoming Speeches.
The Rev. A. M. Gould, pastor of the church, welcomed the delegates in behalf of his congregation. Welcoming speeches were made also by the Rev. John Deunman, the Rev. Mr. Hamilton, the Rev. A. E. Knapp, the Rev. W. A. Faye and Mrs. N. W. Nonnarp. Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk, of New Jersey, responded in an eloquent speech and a beautiful apostrophe to the Methodist faith.

The following committees were appointed: On Entertainment—Mesdames E. G. Studley, M. R. Russell, H. M. Joy, J. W. Aldrich, W. M. Ampt and A. M. Gould.

Finances and the Mission Field—Secretaries of the different conferences and Miss Anna Kent, New Jersey; Mrs. J. S. Vernon, Detroit; Mrs. Cook, Ohio; Mrs. Dwight, New England; Mrs. Benjamin, Genesee; Mrs. A. A. Knapp, Michigan.

Next Place of Meeting—Mrs. Hall, Grand Rapids; Mrs. Goff, Philadelphia; Mrs. Fish, New Jersey; Mrs. Roach, Washington; Mrs. Brownell, Syracuse.

Secretary's Report.
Mrs. R. S. Rust of Cincinnati, the corresponding secretary, read her report. It was a very interesting document, and contained a complete account of the society's work. A synopsis is as follows:

The report mentioned the death during the past year of Mrs. Thayer of New England, Mrs. Jolly of Kentucky, Mrs. Royce of Detroit, Mrs. Dorn of New Jersey and Mrs. Roberts of Nebraska.

New Missions were reported in Morristown, Tenn., Ocala, Fla.; Speedwell, Georgia; Dulie, New Mexico; Baltimore, Brooklyn, Des Moines, Philadelphia, Grand Rapids; the latter being Deaconess' homes.

The Lucy Webb Hayes Bible school at Washington was opened one year ago, and is in charge of Dr. J. N. Dolby and wife. The object of the school is the training of missionaries.

A resume of the memorial presented by the Home Missionary society to the general conference was given. By the action of the conference the Woman's Home Missionary society is at liberty to go forward and establish missions and Deaconess' homes wherever the conference boards may approve.

The use of government funds in contract schools for Indians was discussed. The action of the general conference to cut off all government aid from the society's contract schools, and will materially affect the work among the Indians. The society has four contract schools. One at Pawhuska was established in 1887; one at Lynders, Washington, in 1889, and two in Alaska, one at Aleutian group. At Unalakleet the society has expended \$1,525.44 for a building and other expenses. At Unalakleet the government employed one teacher and the society an additional teacher and a matron. A contract has been made with the bureau of education by which the society will receive \$2,000 per year under certain conditions, for this school but the action of the general conference deprives the society of this money. A sum of \$10,000 which was appropriated under the same conditions had to be refused under the same action. There are 14,510 square miles and a population of 2,457. About \$10,000 has been collected for the Jessie Lee Home, but it is believed that a better plan would be to expend the money in equipping cottages.

Home Mission Appeal.
The report concludes with the following appeal on behalf of neglected populations:

"More than half the persons in the older states reside in cities of 5,000 and upwards, and in them is found a much larger proportion of vice and wretchedness. Our society and the church in common with other religious denominations have concentrated efforts upon the frontier to the neglect of the masses in populous cities. The care of cities is vital to national prosperity and the life of the church. While we must not neglect of foreign land and distant places in our own country we must not neglect the cities. The total population of Wyoming, Colorado, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, Montana and North and South Dakota, is less than that of New York city. The proportion of foreigners and native born citizens in those states and in the city is about the same. The Presbyterian and Congregational churches spend annually several hundred thousand dollars in foreign work, have 540 ministers in those states, while in New York City they have eighty-five. Other denominations, our own included, provide for these two fields in about the same proportion. It is well known that our Methodist congregations are establishing themselves in comfortable suburban church homes, while multitudes in our great cities are left to the teachings of the saloon and the schools of anarchy and vice. The editor of our great official Advocate said last week that one-fifth of the entire population of the country is within thirty miles of New York, Chicago and Buffalo. Boston and other cities are becoming similar centers of power and danger. At the present rate of increase the time is near when one-half of the whole population of the country will be found in cities and the south and west will present similar conditions to those that now prevail in older states. In view of these facts the importance of this

great mission field of cities can scarcely be overestimated."

On motion of Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk, the president, was instructed to convey sympathy of the Methodist women of the country.

Afternoon Session.
The afternoon session was opened by a chant by a quartet of colored women who had come from the south to attend the convention. Their names are, Mesdames J. E. Johnson, C. Browne, A. M. Robinson, Cora Provin. The church was decorated with orange blossoms, roses and Spanish moss, brought by Mrs. A. M. Robinson.

Mrs. J. S. Gilbert had charge of the devotional exercises. After the reading of the minutes of the morning session the committee on nominations was filed by the addition of one name from each conference. The committee stands as follows: Mrs. F. V. Chapman, Boston; Mrs. D. Cook, Ohio; Mrs. A. A. Knapp, Michigan; Mrs. P. J. Graham, North Ohio; Mrs. F. A. Arter, East Ohio; Mrs. E. B. Robinson, Detroit; Mrs. F. J. Enert, N. E. Southern; Mrs. Van Ande, south east Indiana; Mrs. Mary S. Crossman, Erie; Mrs. M. M. E. Jayne, Detroit; Mrs. B. Edwards, Baltimore; Mrs. J. Q. Maynard, New York east; Mrs. E. E. Buvinger, Cincinnati; Mrs. H. B. McBride, Kansas; Mrs. H. C. Robinson, Mrs. I. Wiltrout, West Wisconsin; Mrs. H. B. McComber, northern New York. To represent the executive board Mesdames M. B. Hagan, George H. Herron, George H. Thompson, W. M. Ampt, C. D. Jones.

The following committee on resolutions was named, Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk, chairman; Mrs. Dr. Prentiss of Tennessee; Mrs. Hyde of the Newark conference; Mrs. Willing of central New York; Mrs. Van Benschoten of central New York; Mrs. T. L. Tompkinson of central Pennsylvania; Mrs. Dr. Wilcox of Hudson, Wis.

Mrs. D. B. Shedd sang a solo entitled "Building for Eternity."

Treasurer's Report.
The report of the treasurer, Mrs. A. R. Clark, postponed from the morning session was read. During the year the receipts were as follows:

Brought forward	\$31,240.22
Supplies	67,300.00
Local work	9,547.75
Cash	8,247.00
Total disbursements	\$124,335.97
Balance	14,851.95
On hand	\$3,076.69
Chit expenditures	\$12,477.52
In the field	4,657.37
New Mexico, Spanish	3,200.00
New Mexico, Indian	3,200.00
Oklahoma	3,200.00
Indian work, Chicago	3,200.00
Indian work, New York	3,200.00
Education, southern states	3,200.00
Education, northern states	3,200.00
Lucy Webb Hayes Memorial home	6,428.18
Washington	8,493.98
Deaconess' homes	1,975.62

Thank Offerings.

Mrs. I. D. Jones of Cincinnati was introduced and spoke on the subject of thank offerings. She favored changing the time of collecting the offering to the spring time. She made a powerful plea for a generous thank offering for mercies received. She said:

"When I realize that the Indian woman has been driven to the most obscure and distant corner of her country and that I am living on the fat of her land I am humbled to the dust. And the people of the south—if we were to work for centuries we could not undo the great wrongs we have done them. The color of the skin is no longer a barrier. It is the color of the heart that tells. We sometimes say that we are not sinners, but when I realize the blessings that have been showered upon me I feel that I am sinning every moment that I am not working for the Master. If I am any better—if we are any better than these people it is simply because we have been born and reared of christian parents." At the close of her remarks she introduced a motion providing that the last Friday in April be named as a thank offering day. After considerable discussion the motion was passed after the following committee was selected for the purpose of recommending a day: Mrs. M. C. Hickman, east Ohio; Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Buvinger, Mrs. Boswell, Mrs. Everett, Mrs. Spinlock, Mrs. Negus, Mrs. Provine, Mrs. Benschoten. It was announced that greetings would be extended fraternal delegates Saturday morning at 11 o'clock.

A resolution was introduced expressing the desirability of establishing a uniform thank offering day and the following committee was selected for the purpose of recommending a day: Mrs. M. C. Hickman, east Ohio; Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Buvinger, Mrs. Boswell, Mrs. Everett, Mrs. Spinlock, Mrs. Negus, Mrs. Provine, Mrs. Benschoten. It was announced that greetings would be extended fraternal delegates Saturday morning at 11 o'clock.

Delegates Present.
Mrs. J. W. Aldrich presented the following report from the enrollment committee, after which the meeting adjourned.

General Election Board—President, Mrs. John Davis; corresponding secretary, Mrs. R. S. Rust; recording secretary, Mrs. F. A. Aiken; treasurer, Mrs. A. R. Clark.

Members Board—Mrs. W. C. Herron, Mrs. George H. Thompson, Mrs. W. M. Ampt, Mrs. I. D. Jones, Mrs. R. W. P. Goff.

General Organizer—Mrs. M. E. Griffith.

Baltimore Conference—Corresponding secretary, Mrs. Clara L. Roach; delegate, Mrs. J. A. Richardson; delegate from Buffalo deaconess board, Mrs. D. A. Minard; superintendent Buffalo deaconess work, Elizabeth A. Smith.

Central New York Conference—Corresponding secretary, Mrs. W. A. Brown; delegate, Mrs. M. N. Van Benschoten.

Central Pennsylvania Conference—Corresponding secretary, Mrs. T. L. Tompkinson; delegate, Mrs. M. S. Crossman.

Cincinnati Conference—Corresponding secretary, Mrs. I. D. Jones; delegate, Mrs. Lillian Hollister; delegate, Mrs. J. S. Vernon; visitors—Mrs. A. S. Sherwood, Mrs. C. H. Morgan, Mrs. J. A. Knapp, Mrs. M. A. Brown, Mrs. Will M. Ampt.

East Ohio Conference—Corresponding secretary, Mrs. M. C. Hickman; delegate, Mrs. F. A. Arter.

East Tennessee Conference—Corresponding secretary, Mrs. Cora Provin.

Erie Conference—Corresponding secretary, Mrs. Anna Cummings; delegate, Mrs. M. S. Crossman.

Genesee Conference—Corresponding

ing secretary, Mrs. W. R. Benham; delegate, Mrs. E. Cummings; alternate, delegate from Buffalo deaconess' home.

Holston Conference—Corresponding secretary, Mrs. L. E. Prentiss; delegate, Mrs. F. U. Chapman.

Indiana Conference—Delegate, Mrs. J. E. Gilbert.

Illinois Conference—Corresponding secretary, Mrs. B. S. Potter; delegate, Mrs. M. E. Lane.

Kansas Conference—Corresponding secretary, Mrs. H. B. McBride; delegate, Mrs. M. L. Sutherland.

Little Rock Conference—Delegate, Mrs. Col. Springer.

Louisiana Conference—Corresponding secretary, Mrs. Alice Robinson; delegate, Mrs. Sadie Johnson; visitor, Mrs. C. Brown.

Michigan Conference—Corresponding secretary, Mrs. L. Maister; delegate, Mrs. A. A. Knapp; visitor, Mrs. D. F. Barnes; secretary deaconess bureau, Mrs. W. J. Aldrich.

Minnesota Conference—Corresponding secretary, Mrs. C. F. Allen (alternate); delegate, Mrs. L. F. Studley; visitor, Miss L. B. Studley.

Newark Conference—Corresponding secretary, Mrs. Rev. J. I. Boswell; delegate, Mrs. E. L. Hyde; visitor, Mrs. W. F. Day.

New England Southern Conference—Corresponding secretary, Mrs. D. L. Brown; delegate, Mrs. Rev. T. J. Everett.

North Ohio Conference—Corresponding secretary, Mrs. M. S. Albright; delegate, Mrs. P. F. Graham.

Northern New York Conference—Corresponding secretary, Mrs. H. D. Ferguson; delegate, Mrs. H. B. McComber.

New England Conference—Corresponding secretary, Mrs. Geo. C. Floyd; delegate, Mrs. George W. Mansfield; visitor, Mrs. A. E. Dwight.

North Indiana Conference—Corresponding secretary, Miss Mary L. Stabler; delegate, Mrs. L. H. Bunyan.

Northwest Iowa Conference—Corresponding secretary, Mrs. J. F. Negus.

Nebraska Conference—Corresponding secretary, Mrs. S. E. Miller; delegate, Mrs. E. P. Warner; Mrs. Isabella Spurlock, superintendent Mother's Jewels home.

New Hampshire Conference—Corresponding secretary, Mrs. Pike.

New Mexico Conference—Mrs. Anna Norton.

New York East Conference—Corresponding secretary, Mrs. John Q. Maynard.

New Jersey Conference—Delegate, Mrs. P. J. Kite; visitor, Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk; Mrs. Anna Kent.

Ohio Conference—Corresponding secretary, Mrs. Anna Dill; delegate, Miss D. Cook.

Philadelphia Conference—Delegate, Mrs. T. May Pierce; member exchange board, Mrs. R. W. P. Goff.

Pittsburg Conference—Corresponding secretary, Mrs. M. J. Schoyer; delegate, Mrs. Samuel Hazlett.

Rock River Conference—Corresponding secretary, Mrs. E. E. Nancy; delegate, Mrs. W. A. Phillips.

Southeast Indiana Conference—Corresponding secretary, Mrs. C. S. Chaffee; delegate, Mrs. C. A. Van Ande.

Troy Conference—Corresponding secretary, Mrs. E. W. Simpson; delegate, Mrs. C. H. Smith.

Upper Iowa Conference—Corresponding secretary, Mrs. Margaret Alsbaugh; delegate, Mrs. R. B. Van Hess.

Vermont Conference—Delegate, Mrs. O. D. Clapp.

West Wisconsin Conference—Corresponding secretary, Mrs. M. Benson; delegate, Mrs. L. D. Wiltrout.

Wilmington Conference—Delegate, Mrs. M. H. Jones; visitors, Mrs. H. C. Robinson, Mrs. S. J. Wiley.

Wyoming Conference—Corresponding secretary, Mrs. S. O. Robins; delegate, Mrs. W. H. Pearce.

Evening Session.
The evening session of the executive committee was interesting, though little business was performed. The subject under discussion was how best to divide the work and draw more general interest into the society. The question is one which has confronted the women for years, but has never before been approached with a view of settlement. It is desired to relieve the few women who have been the soul of the organization and establish headquarters in various parts of the country so that a larger number of women may become interested in the work and be given some of the work to perform.

The following committee was elected to formulate a plan on which to operate: Mrs. D. L. Brown, Massachusetts; Mrs. E. W. Simpson, New York; Mrs. W. H. Pierce, Pennsylvania; Mrs. Arter, Ohio; Mrs. F. L. Tompkinson, Pennsylvania; Mrs. Prentiss, Tennessee; Mrs. Lillian Hollister, Michigan; Mrs. Van Ness, Iowa; Mrs. Wiltrout, Wisconsin; Mrs. Miller, Nebraska; Mrs. B. S. Potter, Illinois; Mrs. Johnson, Louisiana; Mrs. R. W. P. Goff, Pennsylvania; Mrs. John A. Clough, Colorado; Mrs. Albright, Ohio; Mrs. Williams, Ohio; Mrs. McKabe, Ohio; Mrs. Clara L. Roach, Washington, D. C., and Mrs. Cummings, New York.

The meeting then adjourned.

Settling the Peters Estate.
It is probable the suit of A. M. Henry of Detroit, receiver of the R. G. Peters estate, instituted to have a mortgage given to the late Julius Houseman act aside, will be discontinued. The creditors in this city include the local banks and represent claims aggregating \$117,000. Mr. Henry held a conference yesterday with the bank officials and it was decided to deliver over the assets to be divided among the creditors. The wheeling of property in this city, Morley, Hartford and Manistee.

Alleged Youthful Burglars.
Detectives Gast and Jakeway arrested Harry Vanderberg and C. D. Brookmyre yesterday afternoon on suspicion of having burglarized the Wolverine drug store at No. 603 North Colfax avenue, Wednesday night. A few drugs and a quantity of cigars were taken. The detectives located the stolen property and claim that they have strong evidence against the boys. Each of them is 16 years old.

Served a Game Dinner.
Warren Swetland opened the Morton house cafe yesterday, and to signalize the event, A. V. Pantlind invited the Hon. J. W. Chapman, Col. Toddness Foote and the Hon. N. L. Avery to be guests at a delicious game dinner. It was served in the well known caterer's best taste and was a very tempting affair.

Late Local.
T. H. Stone, democratic candidate for prosecuting attorney of Iowa county, of Saranac, was a guest at the Morton house yesterday.

Gen. L. B. Rutherford was in Lansing yesterday to argue a case before the supreme court.

Arthur Jontz, a successful attorney of Muskegon, was in the city yesterday.

F. L. Andrews of Saranac was in the city yesterday.

DIED IN HIS CELL

Jesse Hexton, a Supposed

Drunk, Dies in Jail.

APOPLEXY WAS THE CAUSE

Nothing is Known of His Friends or His History—An Inquest Will Be Held.

Jesse Hexton, a man about 35 years old, and registered at the police station as drunk, died suddenly at headquarters yesterday afternoon at 1:30.

He was arrested yesterday morning at 9:00 by Officer Chaffee at the corner of Canal and Trowbridge streets on a charge of being drunk. The patrol wagon was called there in response to a message that a man was drunk, and when the wagon arrived the officer found a man in a doorway leaning against the wall. He had to be carried to the wagon. When they reached the station house he could not talk very distinctly, but the officers understood his name to be Jesse Hexton. He remained in a cell until nearly noon when Turnkey Doherty's attention was attracted to him by his labored respiration. The officer investigated and found Hexton lying on the floor gasping. He summoned Captain Johnson and City Physician Rozema was called. The man died shortly after the doctor arrived and it was the physician's opinion that the cause of death was apoplexy. The police knew nothing of the man and he was unknown to all present. Coroner Bradish was notified and upon his arrival he ordered the body to be taken to P. McCallum's undertaking rooms, on the corner of Fountain and Iowa streets. The coroner empaneled a jury. After viewing the remains the inquest was adjourned until this morning at Dr. Bradish's office.

The deceased was poorly dressed, apparently a varnish worker, and of intelligent appearance. He wore a light mustache.

Disorderly Boys.
Ernie Hein and Nick Vanderline were before Judge Haggerty yesterday on a complaint made by Henrietta Stevens of North Union street. The boys threw stones at the complainant's house and annoyed her by rapping at the door in the night. Hein paid \$7 and costs and Vanderline's case was put over until this morning.

Alleged Fraudulent Conveyance.
Nelson Morris et al. filed a bill with the clerk of the circuit court yesterday against Daniel M. Jansen and wife, praying the circuit court for aid in execution. The bill recites that Jansen is a butcher and dealer in meats; that last June he ordered an unusually large amount of meat from the complainants on credit; that he disposed of the goods and assigned to his wife property on Clancy and Capen's additions and left the city. Suit was begun.

Hawkins is Now in Jail.
Under Sheriff Walsh returned early yesterday morning from Denver with Alfred Hawkins wanted here for having obtained money under false pretenses from Joseph Fox by selling to him a house that belonged to Mrs. Hawkins and a buggy on which Brown & Sehler had a claim. Hawkins is now in jail.

The meeting last night is the first one of the year and was quite largely attended. The society starts out with fully as much interest as it did one year ago.

ON OCTOBER 28TH, 1776, was fought the battle of White Plains, between Washington's army and the British under Howe.